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# Memorandum of understanding concerning cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

## Note by the Executive Director

## Addendum

The Executive Director has the honour to circulate herewith details of a memorandum of understanding concluded between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). As requested by the Council in paragraph 2 of its decision 17/8 of 21 May 1993, the full text of the memorandum of understanding has been forwarded to Governments and to the Committee of Permanent Representatives for information and record purposes.

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| Title and date of signature by UNEP | Subject matter | Financial implications for UNEP |
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| Memorandum of understanding between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) (November 1998) | UNEP and UNIDO will collaborate to increase synergy through a clearer division of labour based on their comparative strengths and technical capacities, to optimize resource mobilization through joint fund-raising, cost-sharing and pooling of resources and to develop new cooperative arrangements and activities with business and industry. UNIDO and UNEP will intensify their existing co-operation in cleaner production, waste management, integrated coastal zone management and UNIDO's global programme on mercury pollution abatement in small-scale gold mining.<br><br>The two organizations agreed to collaborate in new areas of cooperation, including the activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination's Subcommittees on Water Resources and Oceans and Coastal Areas; wastewater, the development of a convention on persistent organic pollutants (POPs), the disposal of bulk quantities of pesticides and other chemicals in developing countries, the development of environmentally friendly alternative pesticides and the transfer and adaptation of cleaner production technologies to reduce POPs in the industrial production process. | Financial implications for implementing the joint programme will be agreed upon jointly by the two organizations. Expenditure will be effected within existing resources. |

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